



Coronavirus Policy (COVID-19)

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To all service users of Little Raccoons Day Nursery:

Introduction

This policy applies to all employee's and service users including parents, children and third party users, social care, police and fire rescue services and any other person wishing to gain reasonable access to the setting (this list is not exhaustive of all users defined).

Purpose of the Policy

To protect all employee's and service users of Little Raccoons Day Nursery, including parents and children, from encountering Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To maintain the minimum level of staff needed to continue to provide early years education service and to meet the welfare and care needs of the children who attend the setting.

To ensure that the prevention of the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) remains at a minimum risk.

Monitoring

Little Raccoons Day Nursery is closely monitoring and gathering information from the Department of Health England, The Department of Education, our Local Authority and any guidelines delivered and updated through official government sources constantly to ensure that we have the most up to date information and work place practices concern the spread and containment of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

This includes all training and delivery methods to all employee's, Directors and any other third party associated with the running or participation with Little Raccoons Day Nursery.

Little Raccoons Day Nursery reserves the right to make all changes to this document to uphold guidance of safe working practises and delivery methods for the early years education sector.

General

- Employees' are always advised to practice strict hygiene and cleanliness procedures.
- Employee's must wash their hands at regular intervals for a minimum of 20 seconds using soap and warm water.
- Employees' are advised to cough or sneeze into their elbow when a tissue or other vessel cannot be reached in time and are then to always wash their hands afterwards.
- Please be aware that your children will meet both staff members and other children attending the setting during the session times. Although every measure will be taken to ensure that your child has minimal contact with others, children of the early years age group will inevitably want to hug and touch others through play or when needing comfort. Therefore it is vital that not only we will adhere to best practise hygiene policies throughout the day, but that parents can also support this by changing their children into different clothing when they return home and placing that days clothing in the wash. If your child needs comfort, our staff will comfort them and will do their absolute best to make sure that all their social, emotional and wellbeing is met whilst in attendance at Little Raccoons Day Nursery.
- Due to the size of our nurseries all parent's are to continue to drop off their child outside the nursery. Wearing of face masks are voluntary.
- Children will be given drinks and healthy food as normal during the day using our items which are sterilised daily.
- Children will be actively encouraged to wash their hands after every activity or after playing in a specific area. We will use water and hand soap for this with a minimum wash time of 20 seconds per child, demonstrating good modelling behaviours for the children to see best practise when doing this.
- Children's temperatures will NOT be taken upon arrival to the setting, as per DoE guidelines.

Attendance

- If after arrival, your child is displaying a temperature of 37.8 degrees or above, has a new cough, looks generally unwell or is displaying any other signs associated with coronavirus (CORVID-19) then your child will be excluded from the nursery and asked to get a PCR test and results must be shared with the nursery before coming back to nursery.
- Your child will be separated from other children and looked after by one member of staff who will be in PPE.
- The child's parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child as soon as possible.
- If your child is COVID positive you must follow isolation of 10 days and only return to the nursery once this is over, this will then help to control the spread of the virus within our setting.

- If the test is negative your child may return to nursery immediately, as long as their symptoms are no longer present, such as fever.
- Should you or an adult present with symptoms within your household, then you have a duty of care to inform the setting at your first available opportunity.
- Should a staff member becomes ill with symptoms they will be asked to collect their belongings and go home. They will then follow the same procedures as above for children.

Isolation Rules – changed 16th August 2021

- Current government advice is that children under 18 years old and adults that have been double vaccinated do not need to isolate if they have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus.
- All families will be notified of any case of coronavirus, and it will be the choice of the parent/carer if you wish your child to continue attending.
- If someone in your household has tested positive for coronavirus, we ask that the child/children of that household do not attend Nursery. Although children under 18 do not have to isolate, they are more likely to become infected due living with an infected person who provides care for them. The rule of non-attendance if someone in the household test positive also applies to staff. This decision has been made to further protect staff and other children and their families and to try and prevent any possible spread of infection in the Nursery or the wider community.

I accept the above variation to Little Raccoons Day Nursery's policies and procedures:

Signature:

Name:

Date: